SUBJECT No. 481.

The forests of Rangayanagiri and Malhal to be excluded from State Forests.

Mr. Nadig Appajaiya, Channagiri taluk.

Summary of discussion.—At the time of the formation of the Kukwada Ubrani State Forests, it was considered that the needs of the raiyats would be met with from Rangayanagiri and Malhal State Forests. The reservation of these forests has been causing much inconvenience to the raiyats of several villages in the matter of procuring fuel and meeting their other domestic and agricultural requirements. These forests may therefore be allowed for the use of the raiyats as before.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 482.

Levy of reduced rates for fuel and grazing fees in the Gangavanasara State Forest.

Messrs. Revana Siddiah, Gurulingappa and Halappa, Honnali taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The small area of District Forest left for the use of the raiyats of Gondichatnahalli, Jog, Siddapur and Biderhalli villages in the Honnali taluk scarcely contains anything which meets the domestic and agricultural needs of the villagers. Originally, with the permission of the Deputy Commissioner, grazing fees at one anna per head of cattle, and greenwood for fuel at 2 annas per cart-load used to be levied within the State Forest. At present dead wood fit for fuel is allowed to be removed at 4 annas per cart-load and greenwood is not allowed to be removed. As greenwood is very necessary for boiling sugarcane juice, etc., it is prayed that greenwood may be allowed to be removed at 2 annas per cart-load and that the grazing fees may be reduced to one anna per head of cattle in the State Forest.

Reply of Government.—The rates for grazing and fuel are already very low. Green fuel will be allowed in annual coupes at the rate applicable to dry fuel.

SUBJECT No. 483.

Reduction of Hulbanni rates in State Forests of Shikarpur taluk.

Mr. Bhavani Rao, Shikarpur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The rates prescribed for grazing in Karadibetta State Forest in this taluk are one anna and two annas per head. These rates may be made uniform for the whole taluk. There are also no District Forests.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 484.

(*a*) Reduction of seigniorage on fuel in the Gangavvanasara and Chandrakal State Forests.

(*b*) Grant of licenses for fuel for jaggory boiling at concession rates.

Mr. Bhavani Rao, Shikarpur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The rate of two annas per cart-load allowed in the Belandur and Karadibetta State Forests may be extended to Chandrakal and Gangavvanasara State Forests.

(*b*) The grant of licenses for fuel at concession rates for boiling sugarcane juice commences every year in January. As the raiyats will then be busy with harvesting their crops and with other engagements, the licenses may be granted whenever asked for.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.